

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Kentucky is the birthplace of bourbon, producing 95 percent of the world's supply; and
- WHEREAS, Bourbon is a signature industry in Kentucky and a distinctive product of the United States, as declared by Congress in 1964; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's distilling industry is an integral part of the Bluegrass economy, generating more than 3,200 jobs, \$115 million in taxes and \$3 billion in gross state product; and
- WHEREAS, More than 5 million barrels of bourbon and other whiskeys are gently aging in the Commonwealth, with a tax assessed value of \$1.6 billion; and
- WHEREAS, Bourbon is a major international export and a proud symbol of Kentucky tradition and craftsmanship hailed around the world; and
- WHEREAS, This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kentucky Bourbon Trail®, one of the state's most famous and unique tourism attractions; and
- WHEREAS, Visitors from around the world make the pilgrimage to Kentucky each September for the annual Kentucky Bourbon Festival to celebrate the art and science of our signature spirit; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's distilling industry should be commended for its continued efforts to promote responsible consumption of alcohol and to eliminate drunk driving and underage drinking;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim September 2009 as

## BOURBON HERITAGE MONTH

in Kentucky and commend this observance to all.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this  
14<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of Our Lord Two  
Thousand Nine and in the 218<sup>th</sup> year of the  
Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson", written over a horizontal line.

Trey Grayson  
Secretary of State

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TREY GRAYSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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